



FORT COMPLEX FIRE INFORMATION

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

Yreka, CA - The Fort Complex grew in size to approximately 3,450 acres, an increase of 811 acres from yesterday. The complex is now considered to be 20% contained. This is a 3% improvement from yesterday.

On the **Lick Fire**, crews were successful in holding the fire at key geographical ridges and continue to mop-up, or extinguish all burning material 100' from the edge of the fire. The smoke produced from this fire was significantly less than previous days. This fire is 75% contained.

The **Hello Fire** is burning slowing down from the ridge top and flame heights were reported to be less than two feet. It is still burning within the Red Buttes Wilderness, and hand crews are continuing to use minimum impact suppression tactics (MIST) to protect Wilderness values. Smoke is being produced from a burn out operation to reduce vegetation between the fire and the fire line. Local resource advisors (or environmental specialists) are pleased with the results of both the fire suppression effects and the light understory burn. Large tree mortality is at a minimum and very few tree crowns have been torched.

On the **Goff Fire** containment lines checked the spread of the fire to the east and west and fire continues to burn along State Highway 96, along the Klamath River near the community of Seiad, CA. Historical and cultural values in Fort Goff and Portuguese Creek continue to be threatened. The fire increased 685 acres and crossed over a wet drainage to the north. Fire crews and water-dropping helicopters will continue today to construct and improve containment lines to the north. Contingency fire lines have been scouted, mapped and in some cases constructed to provide alternate means of containing this fire if it escapes the primary fire lines.

Today, temperatures are expected to be 4 degrees cooler at 98° with a relative humidity value of 18%. The weather forecast for Saturday is calling for patchy "wetting rain" that may benefit fire-fighting efforts. However, the amount of rain may not be significant and quickly dry in a few days, but still will provide some relief to fire managers planning a safe suppression strategy.

Klamath and Rogue River-Siskiyou national forests CLOSURES: Please refer to the closure orders and corresponding maps for a detailed road, trail and area closure description on <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/>.

Fort Complex Fire Summary:

Size: 3,450 acres

Date Started: 08/05/2012

Cause: Lightning

Percent Contained: 20%

Resources: 19 engines, 12 water tenders, 2 dozers, 21 hand-crews, 9 helicopters

Injuries to Date: 2, with other minor injuries (bee sting, poison oak, dehydration)

Impacts: Smoke impacts expected to the Applegate Lake recreation area and Klamath River communities.

Total Personnel: 736

Fire	Location	Size	Change from Yesterday
Goff	Klamath NF – Happy Camp/Oak Knoll RD	2,313 acres	+ 685
Lick	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF – Siskiyou Mountain RD	403 acres	No Change
Hello/Fruit	Rogue River-Siskiyou NF – Siskiyou Mountain RD	734 acres	+ 126

CAUTION:

- **Please use care when driving along State Highway 96, along the Klamath River and on the Upper Applegate Road in Oregon.** Watch for firefighters, fire engines and associated support vehicles along these roads. Low-flying helicopters may be present and refilling their water buckets in support of fire suppression activities.
- Smoke is visible in the Klamath River Valley near Seiad, Happy Camp and Hamburg. Smoke is also expected from the Lick fire at the south end of Applegate Lake and from the Hello Fire.
- The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is open, but may be closed in the future near the Goff Fire. Please continue to check trail status on Inciweb (<http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/>), call the Fire Information number below or check with a local ranger station for status. Note that **PCT access trail closures are in effect**. Please check Inciweb or contact Fire Information if you plan to be on the trail near the fire areas.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

Fire restrictions have been implemented on both the Klamath and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests.

FIRE INFORMATION:

For additional Fort Complex fire information, call the fire information line at (541) 899-3148.



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